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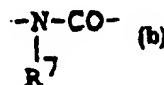
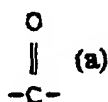
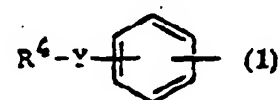
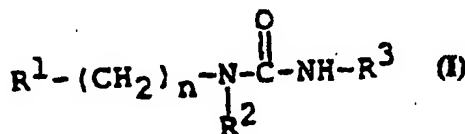
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(57) Abstract

Urea derivatives of formula (I), wherein R¹ is a group of formula (1) (in which R⁴ is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s), or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), and Y is bond, lower alkylene, -S-, -O-, (a), -CH-, -CONH-, (b), (in which R⁷ is lower alkyl), -NHCO-, -SO₂NH-, -SO₂NHCO- or -CONHSO₂-); or thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl or chromanyl, each of which may have suitable substituent(s); R² is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy(lower)alkyl, cycloalkyl, ar(lower)alkyl which may have suitable substituent(s), heterocyclic group or heterocyclic(lower)alkyl, R³ is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), and n is 0 or 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof which are useful as a medicament in the treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia and atherosclerosis.



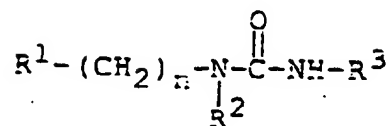
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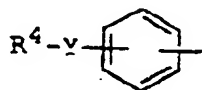
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1. A compound of the formula :



wherein

R^1 is a group of the formula :



(in which

R^4 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s), or heterocyclic group which may have suitable substituent(s), and

Y is bond, lower alkylene, -S-, -O-, $\overset{\text{C}}{||}$ -C-,
 =CH-, -CONH-, $\underset{\text{R}^7}{|}$ -N-CO-, (in which R^7 is lower alkyl),
 -NH SO_2 -, - SO_2 NH-, - SO_2 NHCO- or -CONH SO_2 -);
 or

thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, isoxazolyl or chromanyl, each of which may have suitable substituent(s);

R^2 is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy(lower)alkyl, cycloalkyl, ar(lower)alkyl which may have suitable substituent(s), heterocyclic group or heterocyclic(lower)alkyl,

R^3 is aryl which may have suitable substituent(s) or heterocyclic group which may have suitable

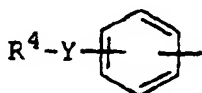
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substituent(s), and
n is 0 or 1,
and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1, wherein
R¹ is a group of the formula :



(in which

R⁴ is phenyl which may have 1 to 3 substituent(s)
selected from the group consisting of
halogen, lower alkyl, di(lower)alkylamino,
protected amino, cyano, heterocyclic group
which may have mono(or di or tri)-
ar(lower)alkyl, hydroxy, protected hydroxy
and mono(or di or tri)halo(lower)alkyl;
or thienyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl,
triazolyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, tetrazolyl,
oxazolyl, thiazolyl, oxadiazolyl,
piperazinyl, thiazolidinyl or
methylenedioxyphenyl, each of which may have
1 to 3 substituent(s) selected from the
group consisting of lower alkyl, mono(or di
or tri)ar(lower)alkyl and oxo;

Y is bond, lower alkylene, -S-, -O-, -C(=O)-, =CH-,
-CONH-, -N-CO- (in which R⁷ is lower alkyl),
-NHSO₂-, -SO₂NH-, -SO₂NHCO- or -CONHSO₂-);
or
thiazolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl,